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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SENATOR PERCY ON CORN GLUTEN FEED

REF: (A) STATE 96407 (B) STATE 94667 (C) COLOMBO 2134

1. THE FOLLOWING LETTER AND MESSAGE FROM SENATOR CHARLES PERCY (REF A) WERE SENT BY AMBASSADOR LOUIS TO PETER WALKER, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, WITH COPIES TO FRANCIS PYM, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, AND LORD COCKFIELD, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE.

BEGIN TEXT

DEAR PETER,

- SENATOR CHARLES PERCY HAS ASKED ME TO RELAY THE ENCLOSED MESSAGE TO YOU WHICH HE HAS SENT TO US FROM SRI LANKA WHERE HE IS NOW TRAVELLING.

- THE SENATOR'S MESSAGE REFLECTS THE VERY SERIOUS CONCERN WHICH THE EC COMMISSION'S DECISION TO REQUEST A MANDATE FROM THE COUNCIL TO NEGOTIATE A TARIFF QUOTA SYSTEM FOR IMPORTS OF CORN GLUTEN FEED HAS AROUSED IN THE UNITED STATES. THE PROPOSAL IS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED STATES. AS YOUR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS NO DOUBT REPORTED TO YOU, WE HAVE INFORMED EC MEMBER STATE MISSIONS THERE ON APRIL 7 THAT, IF THE EC WERE TO ELIMINATE OR RESTRICT OUR PRESENT DUTY-FREE BINDING, WE WOULD PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO WITHDRAW PREVIOUS U.S. CONCESSIONS COVERING AN EQUIVALENT AMOUNT OF TRADE.

- I KNOW THAT YOU SHARE MY HOPE THAT WE CAN AVOID A TRADE CONFRONTATION. I THEREFORE URGE THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM VOTE AGAINST THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION WHEN IT COMES BEFORE THE COUNCIL, WHICH I UNDERSTAND MAY BE LATER THIS MONTH.

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YOURS SINCERELY,

JOHN J. LOUIS, JR.
AMBASSADOR

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